

NH CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Quarterly Meeting
February 8, 2011

Approved
May 10, 2011
with correction

MINUTES

The quarterly meeting of the NH Charter School Advisory Committee was called to order by Roberta Tenney at 10:06 a.m. February 8 in the Board Room at the Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roberta Tenney, Christine Barry, Judith Fillion (left meeting approximately 10:45 a.m.), Lisa Lavoie, Marcia McCaffrey, Pamela Burke.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Calhoun, Ted Comstock, Lisa Danley, John Davis, Todd DeMitchell, Kathleen Murphy, Karen Geary.

GUESTS PRESENT: Commissioner of Education, Virginia Barry; Patrick Kelley, Operations Manager, North Country Charter School

PRESENTATION: Lisa Lavoie and Patrick Kelley – North Country Charter School
Lisa and Pat presented an overview of the charter school. Highlights of the presentation included the School background, School mission, student referrals and expectations, curriculum, extended learning opportunities, community service, assessments, graduation and staff. Handouts also included *Follow-up of 21 Students from the Class of 2004-05*, and the *2010 Annual Report Executive Summary from the NH Dropout Prevention and Recovery Oversight Council*. The Annual Report indicated that in 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09, the North Country Charter School had the highest percentages in the decrease of dropout rates in alternative education funded schools.

COMMISSIONER of EDUCATION

Commissioner Barry briefly spoke to the group relevant to NH Healthy Kids Program, and the innovation of school-based health clinics using federal funds.

NEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: Michelle Gauthier

A handout showing an overview of each new charter school was distributed. To date, five new schools have applied. They are Making Community Connections (MC²), Mills Falls Charter School, PACE Career Academy Charter School, Polaris Academy for Gifted Education Charter School and TEAMS Charter School.

DISSEMINATION GRANTS: Roberta Tenney

Grant awards have been made to the Academy for Science and Design and Strong Foundations Charter School.

CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEW MEMBER

A motion was made by Chris Barry, seconded by Marcia McCaffrey, for the acceptance of Pamela Burke, CSI Board Chair, to the Advisory Council. Motion passed.

MINUTES: November 9, 2010 Quarterly Meeting

A motion was made by Christine Barry, seconded by Marcia McCaffrey, to accept the November minutes as written. Approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

-CSI will do a school presentation at the next Charter School Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for May.

-The Nashua Telegraph published an article about the Academy for Science and Design Charter School in Merrimack concerning the submission of State mandated reports.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Lisa Lavoie, seconded by Marcia McCaffrey, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting ended at 12:00.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

North Country Charter Academy PowerPoint Presentation
North Country Charter Academy Class of 2004-05 Follow-up of 21 Students
NH Dropout Prevention and Recovery Oversight Council Annual Report 2010
Executive Summary
Overview of New Charter School Applications (Department of Education)

CORRECTION: Angie LeBel stated that the November 9, 2011 meeting minutes indicated a vote was taken to accept Pamela Burke as a new member of the Charter School Advisory Committee. Therefore, the motion to accept Pamela Burke as a new Committee member should be deleted from the February 8, 2011 minutes.